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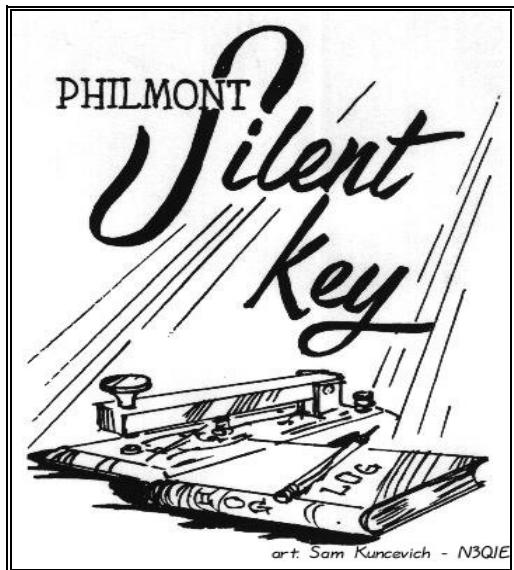
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*Robert DiPasquale passed away on Memorial Day, Monday May 28, 2008.
He was 70 years old.*

Bob was a member of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club from the late 1970s until he retired and he and his wife Bunny moved to Rehoboth Beach, DE. He was part of a group of "young" hams named by Jim Spencer, W3BBB, as "The Dirty Dozen." Bob loved DXing, and rag chewing on 2 meters and rarely missed a meeting when Phil-Mont was at the Franklin Institute.

His Amateur Radio awards included DXCC, about 200 + QSL cards "On the Wall," WAS, and more. I think that one of the highlights of his Ham radio career was when we visited W1AW and worked that station.

As a strong family man, Bob was lucky to have a beautiful wife, Bunny, and he was a devoted father of two children, Dawn and Bob Jr.

A Veteran of the U. S. Navy Bob had served on aircraft carriers along with his brother Hank. Ironically, Bob hated flying.

He was one of the most patriotic men I have ever known, and he died on Memorial Day.

Bob DiPasquale will be sorely missed by all of us.

Mike Concordia, WB3KAC

Looks like everyone had a great field day! Even the weather cooperated ... mostly. Old modes and methods, as well as some new ones, were put into service. Hundreds of pictures were taken as well as some video. A few pictures are included this month but a *lot* more will be in the September issue.



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Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net** at 0930L on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net** at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (\pm QRM)
- **75 meter Net** at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB
- **ARES** at 2100L on the W3QV repeater

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All visitors are welcome!

The club meets at 7:30 PM on the **second** non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at

Roxborough Memorial Hospital, 5800 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128

Maps and directions are available at www.phil-mont.org

License Examinations are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at
Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002

Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or jmcclloskey@msn.com for the latest information.

Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee:** W3RM

147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

Reach us on EchoLink through WU3I-L

W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: W3VVS

The Officers

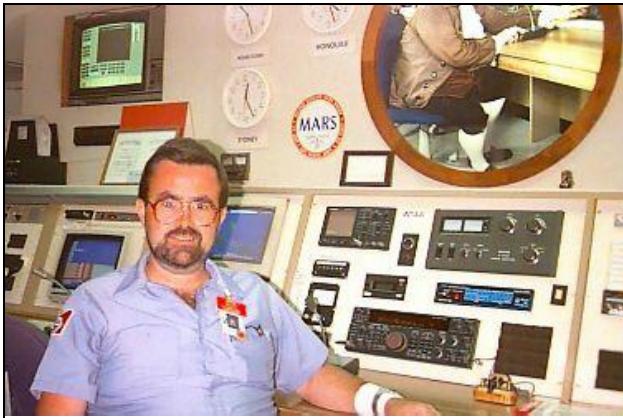
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The Prez Sez...

Here it is a warm Wednesday evening and tomorrow brings the third heat wave of the season. It is important in these dog days of summer to stay hydrated. Always keep a couple of bottles of water in the car. You never know.

By the time most of you read this my July vacation will be over and I will be planning my August visit to the campground. It was nice to see a few faces at the MARC Hamfest in July.

Next month will feature a visit planned for 7/21 to Orange County Choppers, the home of Discovery Channel's *American Chopper*.

But, how was Field Day for you? I was kept very busy in the kitchen and before that "shooting" lines in trees for the wire antennas. Seems like everyone had a fun time- I know they ate pretty well, no leftovers!

Until Next Month.

de Steve, WU3I



At the July 24th session a total of 5 candidates took 11 eleven elements. ***We finished with 4 new Techs and 1 new General.*** The next VE session will be Thursday August 28th at 7:00 pm.

***Important!***

**UPCOMING
DIRECTORY
SUPPLEMENT**

With the October Blurb you will receive the 2008 Directory Supplement. It will contain new member information, plus corrections and additions received during the last six months.

If you have any changes that you would like included I must receive them no later than **September 6th** due to personal commitments.

In addition, the Supplement will feature the "Electronic Mailing list" of PMRC members who have sent me their E-Mail addresses.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CELL PHONE LISTED IN PLACE OF YOUR WORK PHONE, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHANGE AND THE CELL NUMBER.

If you have a change, send your information to me at: wb3koj@comcast.net or via snail mail at the address shown in your directory.

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. had:

- 86 Full Paid Members
- 8 Family Members
- 1 Youth Member
- 2 Honorary Members
- 0 Pending Member

August Birthdays

02 Tom Bohlander - WA3KLR

04 George King - W3PXY

05 Rollie Madara - W3PWG

09 Carolyn Popovic - KA3VLJ

14 Lucille Gargano (XYL N3YGY)

Patricia MacKenzie (XYL W3RED)

15 Art Lester - W3WFI

17 Kitty Newman (XYL KC2FIO)

18 Norma Coupe (XYL WA3BXH)

19 Donna Lynn Larkin - WA1WYQ

(XYL KA2FFP)

24 Frank Burstein - K3FSB

30 Paul Bohlander - W3VVS

Vincent Buono - WA3ADI

Almy-Murray), thus came to represent all of amateur radio. However, this story apparently first surfaced in 1948, and virtually none of the "facts" in the account actually check out, including whether "a little station called HAM" ever really existed.

Home Amateur Mechanic magazine

In this version, supposedly HAM was derived from the initials of a "very popular" magazine which covered radio extensively. But there is no evidence that there ever was a magazine by this name.

Hertz-Armstrong-Marconi

It is sometimes claimed that HAM came from the first letter from the last names of three radio pioneers: Heinrich Rudolf Hertz, Edwin Armstrong, and Guglielmo Marconi. However, this cannot be the source of the term as Armstrong was an unknown college student when the term first appeared.

Hammarlund legend

Likely an example of corporate wishful thinking, Hammarlund products were supposedly so pre-eminent in the pioneering era of radio that they became a part of the language of radio. As the story goes, early radio enthusiasts affectionately referred to Hammarlund products as "Ham" products, and called themselves "Ham" operators. In truth, Hammarlund was a minor and barely known company at the time "ham" started to be used.

Amateur radio

The term *Amateur* in Amateur radio does not connote lack of skill, but is used in the same sense as an Amateur Athlete, as Radio Amateurs are prohibited by law from accepting monetary or material compensation of any kind for any activities they perform as radio operators.

de Martin G3VOF

Free to good home: Ham radio magazines.

Several years of the magazine **73** from the 1970s Contact your editor if you would like to have them.

***Thai Telegraph service closes
after 133 years***

After operating for 133 years the Thai Telegraph service has finally closed down.

The service began in 1875 using a morse key and ended with the teleprinter.

Over 50,000 telegrams were sent in the final week of the service.

In case anyone is wondering how Thai characters were sent over telegraph, it would appear that customers went to the local post office and dictated their message to the clerk who then wrote it out using the English character set.

***Once again ... the MS150 info:
You can find the signup form for MS150 here:***

[https://www.ruh.info/ms150comm.nsf/signup
?openform](https://www.ruh.info/ms150comm.nsf/signup?openform)

de Lou, WX3I



Misty waits to greet all!

"Hey Rick, the U.S. is only 232 years old!" I hear you all saying! OK, I got your telepathic message. Just wanted to see if you were paying attention. Sure. That's the ticket.

Think you're careful? Be MORE careful!

KANSAS CITY, Kan. -- Two men putting up a radio antenna were electrocuted in Kansas City, Kan., Sunday afternoon.

Police said Edward C. Thomas, 66, and his 27-year-old son, Jacob A. Thomas, were installing an antenna for a ham radio around 12:30 p.m. when it came into contact with a power line.

Neighbors called emergency crews for help, but the father was dead when they arrived. The younger man died after arriving at a hospital.

No one else was hurt.

Police said the 27-year-old man's daughter was only person home when the accident happened.

de QRZ.com

I was thinking of these captions for the cover photos. Send me yours if you like.

*Hey, did anyone bring an ammeter?
Instructions? Now you tell me!
Stolen carport or not, these people must eat!*



But Joe, can you find the defroster control?

August at PMRC...

There are no meetings this month.

- 3rd Sunday net – W3STW NCS
 - 10th Sunday net - N3OWM NCS
 - 15th Panama canal opened in 1914
 - 17th Sunday net - KB3IV NCS
 - 24th Sunday net - K3XS NCS
 - 28th Thursday VE Test session
 - 31th Sunday net - N3QV NCS

And don't forget the **ARES** net every Sunday night at 2100L on the club repeater. Larry, K3HWE, wants to hear from *you!*

On the cover: I neglected to include the Phil-Mont SK graphic with the news of Bob DiPasquale's passing in the last issue. I wanted to correct my oversight this month. -Ed.

In case it gets dark around here midday...

The Solar Eclipse that takes place on August 1, 2008, will be a total eclipse of the Sun with a magnitude of 1.039 that will be visible from a narrow corridor through northern Canada (Nunavut), northern part of Russia, western Mongolia, and China. It belongs to the so-called midnight Sun eclipses, as it will be visible from regions experiencing Midnight sun.

A partial eclipse will be seen from the much broader path of the Moon's penumbra, including eastern North America and most of Europe and Asia.

Event	Time (UTC)
Beginning of the total eclipse	09:11:07
Beginning of the central eclipse	09:24:10
Greatest eclipse	10:21:08
End of the central eclipse	11:18:29
End of the total eclipse	11:21:28

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